Central assistance to Madhya Pradesh for expansion of technical know-how

1235. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to aid or assist the Madhya Pradesh Government for their projects to expand their technical know-how and to strengthen resources in agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Visiting Team has been deputed to select sites for two Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Madhya Pradesh through which technical know-how will be imparted to farmers for increasing their production.

Setting up of a Composite Steel Plant in Madhya Pradesh

1236. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Development Corporation Ltd., has been taken effective steps to set up a composite steel plant in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what are the total projects that will be undertaken and what will be the cost of these projects; and

(c) to what extent steel production will be improved?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project involves setting up of an electric arc furnace for captive steel making to be used for manufacture of wire rods and light structurals. The cost of the project is reported to be about Rs. 67 crores.

(c) Commercial production of the products proposed to be manufactured will augment domestic availability.

Agreement with United Nations Development Programme

1237. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India had signed three agreements with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much UNDP assistance is being allocated to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The three project agreements signed on 14th June, 1989 are as follows:—

(i) Provision of Procurement Services — Hi-Tech. Equipment —

This aims at providing procurement expertise & Services for preparation of technical specifications & bidding documents and training of counterpart staff in the application of International Competitive Bidding Procedures (ICB) needed for the Scheme of Hi-tech. Equipment under the World Bank Project. The UNDP input is US $ 572,300.00—

(ii) Training of Trainers (AVTS Programme)—

The project envisages provision